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MEASURES

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1. THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORATE OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-
UIL (CCU), SET FOR JULY 13 TO FORMULATE LABOR'S RESPONSE TO THE
GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY MEASURES, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 16.
ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE PRIMARY REASON IS SIMPLY THAT
UNION LEADERS ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO COURSE OF ACTION TO FOLLOW.

2. FRANCO MARINI, CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY, HAS TOLD US THE
REGIONAL STRIKES HAVE PRODUCED INDIFFERENT RESULTS IN TERMS OF
WORKER RESPONSE. (REGIONAL STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW IN
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ROME AND LAZIO.) THIS HAS GIVEN PAUSE TO SOME ADVOCATES OF

CALLING A NATIONAL GENERAL STRIKE WHO REGARD THESE RESULTS AS INDICATION THAT WORKERS TIRING OF STRIKES. OTHERS ARGUE THAT THE REASON FOR THE MODERATE TURNOUTS IS THAT THE WORKERS WANT STIFFER MEASURES TAKEN. THEY POINT TO THE FACT THAT BOTH SCHEDA (CGIL) ON JULY 9 IN TURIN AND CARNITI (CISL), ON JULY 10 IN MILAN, WERE BOOED AND INTERRUPTED AT REGIONAL STRIKE RALLIES, ACCUSED OF BEING TOO SOFT VS. THE GOVERNMENT. THE MODERATE TURNOUT IN REGIONAL STRIKE IS CONFIRMED BY OUR CONSULATES, EXCEPT IN NAPLES WHERE THE TURNOUT ON JULY 10 WAS SUBSTANTIAL.

3. THE COALITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THEIR COUNTER-PART LABOR LEADERS, SEEKING TO PERSUADE THEM THAT LABOR PEACE IS VITAL IN PRESENT SITUATION. REGGIO, RICCERI, MARINI AND OTHER LABOR OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED ARE OF THE OPINION THAT, AT THE MOST, THE CCU ON JULY 16 WILL PROCLAIM A BRIEF NATIONAL STRIKE, PERHAPS A TWO-HOUR DEMONSTRATION ON THE JOB, IN ORDER TO GIVE VENT TO WORKER DISSATISFACTION. VOLPE

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